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SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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## Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2006. Claims 1 and 4-17 are pending. Claims 1 and 4-17 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1 and 4-14 are said to be drawn to an apparatus for modifying the surface of a semiconductor wafer, classified in Class 451, subclass 296;
- II. Claims 15-17 are said to be drawn to a method of modifying the surface of a semiconductor wafer, classified in Class 451, subclass 41;

Reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested in view of the following arguments.